

Plasma-Based and Laser Accelerators for High-Energy Physics

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Follow-Up to European Strategy Particle Physics

Expert Panel “High Gradient: Plasma and Laser Accelerators”

Follow-up Panel to Europ. Strategy for Particle Physics
Panel proposes roadmap for use in Particle Physics

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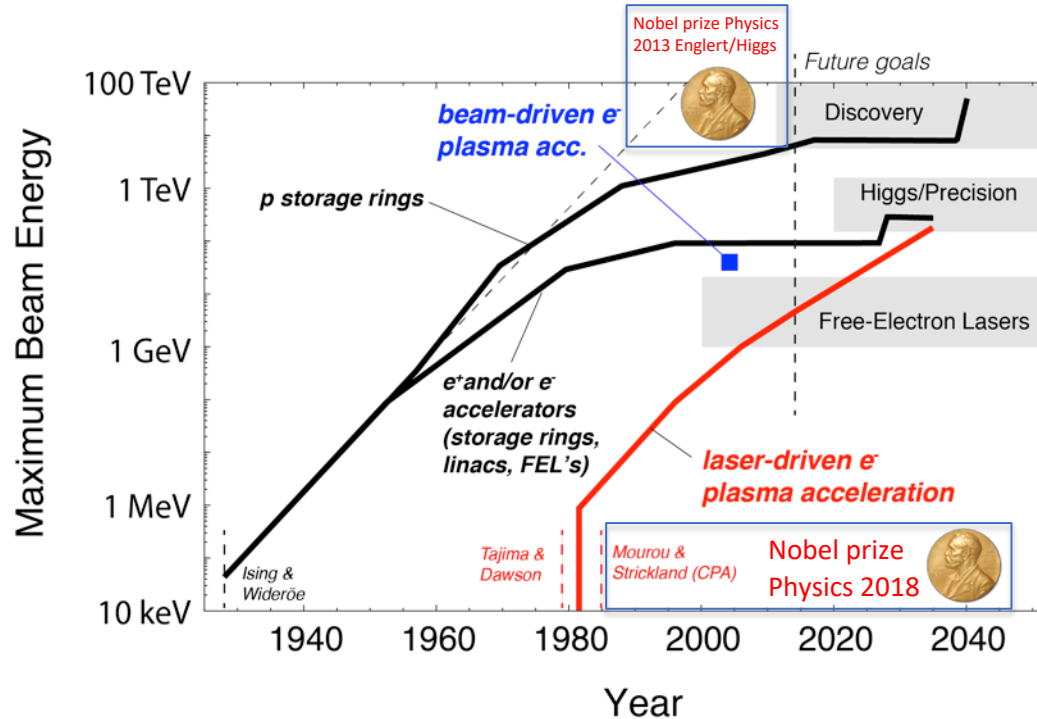
Due to limited time: Talk just giving a quick look

Mandate:

- Develop a long-term roadmap for the next 30 years towards a HEP collider or other HEP applications.
- Develop milestones for the next 10 years taking explicitly into account the plans and needs in related scientific fields as well as the capabilities and interests of the stakeholders.
- Establish key R&D needs matched to the existing and planned R&D facilities.
- Give options and scenarios for European activity level and investment.
- Define deliverables until the next European strategy process in 2026, which allow deciding on the continuation of this R&D line for HEP.

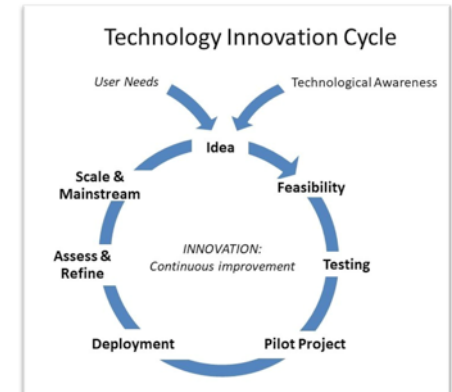
Elaborate **consultation process** with 231 registered participants, 3 townhall meetings, > 60 talks and inputs.

Plasma and Laser Accelerators: New Livingston Curve



- Examples of **new ideas and solutions**: RF, AG focusing, beta squeeze, stochastic cooling, polarized beams, superconducting magnets/RF, advanced materials for vacuum/collimators, plasma / laser accelerators, ...
- **Particle physics in the driver seat** for most of those developments

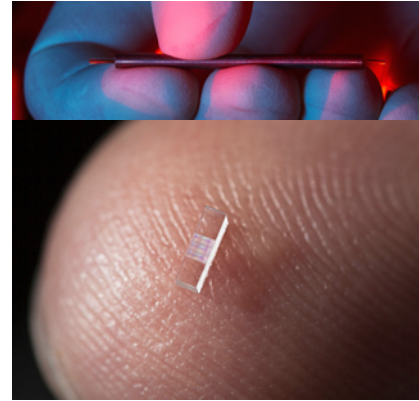
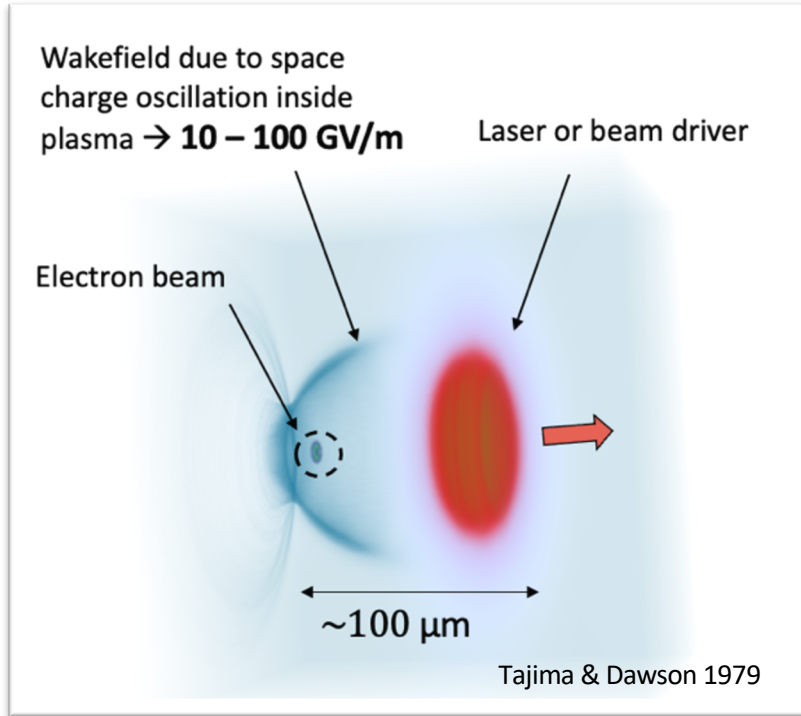
Accelerators are in a **continuous technology innovation cycle** to be successful:



Plasma and Laser Accelerator Principle

Damage limits for metallic walls in RF cavities limit accelerating fields \rightarrow replace metal with plasmas or dielectric materials \rightarrow advance into the many GV/m regime \rightarrow shorter acc. lengths \rightarrow reduced cost?

Illustration from EuPRAXIA, A. Ferran Pousa et al



Lasers or THz pulses or e-beams drive dielectric structures (e.g. Silicium)

“Accelerator on a Chip” grant Moore foundation: Stanford, SLAC, University Erlangen, DESY, University Hamburg, PSI, EPFL, University Darmstadt, CST, UCLA

AXSIS ERC Synergy Grant: DESY, Arizona SU

Options for driving plasma and dielectric structures (no klystrons at those frequencies):

- **Lasers:** Industrially available, steep progress, path to low cost
Limited energy per drive pulse (up to **50 J**)
- **e- bunch:** Short bunches (need μm) available, need long RF accelerator
More energy per drive pulse (up to **500 J**)
- **p+ bunch:** Only long (inefficient) bunches, need very long RF accelerator
Maximum energy per drive pulse (up to **100,000 J**)

Shrinking the Size of Particle Physics Facility

RF Accelerators

> 30,000 operational – many serve for Health

30 million Volt per meter

RF: 90 years of success story for society

Plasma Accelerators

first user facility to be realized

100,000 million Volt per meter

Typical RF Based
Accelerator Facility to
5 GeV

400 m

*Shrinking
the Size of
the Accelerator
Facility*

60* m

EuPRAXIA Plasma
Accelerator Facility to
5 GeV

**5 GeV
example**

**realistic design including all required
infrastructure for powering, shielding, ...*

Added value

new Research Infrastructures due to compactness and cost-efficiency bringing new capabilities to science, institutes, hospitals, universities, industry, developing countries.

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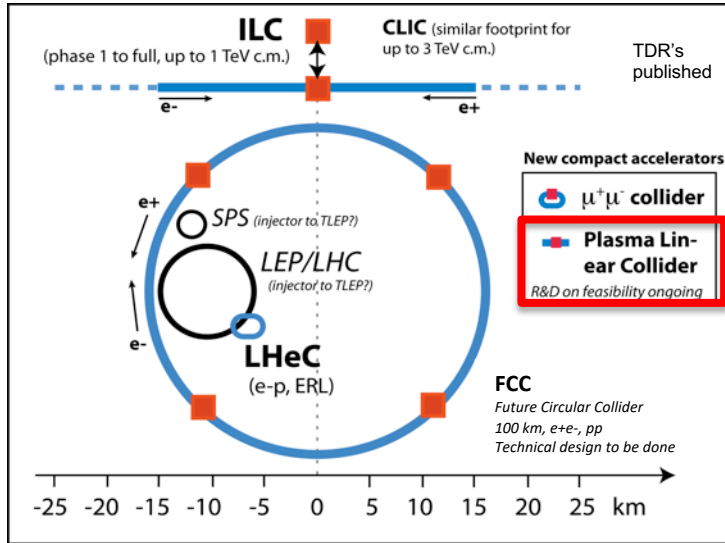


Table 1.3: Required parameters for a linear collider with advanced high gradient acceleration. Three published parameter cases are listed. Case 1 (PWFA) is a plasma-based scheme based on SRF electron beam drivers [88]. Case 2 (LWFA) is a plasma-based scheme based on laser drivers [89]. Case 3 (DLA) is a dielectric-based scheme [34].

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Bunch charge	nC	1.6	0.64	4.8×10^{-6}
Number of bunches per train	-	1	1	159
Repetition rate of train	kHz	15	15	20,000
Convolutd normalized emittance ($\gamma\sqrt{\epsilon_h\epsilon_v}$)	nm-rad	592	100	0.1
Beam power at 5 GeV	kW	120	48	76
Beam power at 190 GeV	kW	4,560	1,824	2,900
Beam power at 1 TeV	kW	24,000	9,600	15,264
Relative energy spread	%		≤ 0.35	
Polarization	%		80 (for e^-)	
Efficiency wall-plug to beam (includes drivers)	%		≥ 10	
Luminosity regime (simple scaled calculation)	$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	1.1	1.0	1.9

from expert panel interim report

- **No fundamental show-stopper but a lot of R&D still required.**
- There can be very interesting and useful interim steps (non-linear QED, fixed target, dark matter, ...)
- **Devil is in the details!** Answer requires detailed simulation, calculations, R&D, designs and tests!
- How and when can we arrive at readiness for for high energy particle physics, e.g. a TeV collider?

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Input to Expert Panel

See <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1041900/>
and <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1040116/>

#1

Speaker	Institute	Country	Title
Dave Newbold	STFC Rutherford	UK	Particle Physics Strategy and Accelerator R&D
Ralph Assmann, Edda Geschwendtner	DESY, INFN, CERN	Germany, Italy, CERN	Introduction to the Expert Panel on High-Gradient Acceleration (Plasma/Laser)
Andrea Latina	CERN	CERN	Linear Colliders - Plans and Advanced Accelerators Opportunities
Frank Zimmermann	CERN	CERN	Circular Collider - Plans and Advanced Accelerator Opportunities
Matthew Wing	University College London	UK	First Physics Experiments with Advanced Accelerator Concepts
Beate Heinemann	DESY	Germany	Electron-Photon Based HEP Experiments - Plans and Advanced Accelerator Opportunities
Daniel Schulte	CERN	CERN	Target Parameters for Typical HEP Relevant Beams
Erik Adli	University of Oslo	Norway	Collider Concepts with Plasma: Where to Go and Required Features for e ⁺ /e ⁻ , gg, fixed target,...
Carl Schroeder	BNL	USA	Laser-Driven Plasma Wakefield Accelerators
Jens Osterhoff	DESY	Germany	Beam-Driven Plasma Wakefield Accelerators
Rasmus Ischebeck	PSI	Switzerland	Dielectrics Accelerators and Other Advanced Concepts
Jorge Vieira	IST Lisbon	Portugal	Theory and Simulations
Pietro Musumeci	UCLA	USA	Snowmass Frontier on Advanced Accelerators (AF6 Coordinator)

Panel organized 3 Townhall Meetings for input on relevant activities → 230 participants in consultation process

#2

Speaker	Institute	Country	Title
Paolo Tomassini	CNR-INO	Italy	Ultra-low emittance round beams with multi-pulse ionization injection schemes
Markus Büscher	FZJ	Germany	Polarized particle beams from laser-plasma accelerators
Max LaBerge	University of Texas at Austin	USA	Coherent transition radiation-based emittance diagnostics
Rafal Zgadzaj	University of Texas at Austin	USA	Optical probe of energy dissipation from e-beam driven plasma wakes
Christopher Doss	University of Colorado Boulder	USA	Strong electron beam focusing with passive, underdense plasma lenses
Tong Zhou	BNL	USA	Coherent combination of high-power fiber lasers for laser-plasma-based collider applications
Franck Falcoz	Amplitude Technologies	France	Roadmap for high average power ultrashort laser
Andreas Maier	DESY	Germany	High average power laser-plasma acceleration
Roman Walczak	University of Oxford	UK	MP-LWFA to improve LPA repetition rate and efficiency / European Network for Novel Accelerators (EuroNNac)
Leonida Antonio Gizzi	CNR-INO	Italy	Towards PW scale laser driver with 100 Hz / Update on the design of a kHz-KW laser driver for plasma acceleration
Simon Hooker	University of Oxford	UK	Low-loss, metre-scale plasma channels for high-repetition rate plasma accelerators
Wim Leemans	DESY	Germany	Strategy for enabling plasma-based accelerators to drive first particle-physics applications
Antonio Falone	LNF/INFN	Italy	EuPRAXIA - Proposal for a distributed research facility towards the realization of a FEL plasma based accelerator, organization, current status and outlook
Claudio Emma	SLAC	USA	Light-source applications of advanced accelerators
Sebastien Meuren	SLAC	USA	Exploring the fully no-perturbative regime of QED at a Future Linear Collider
Spencer Gessner	SLAC	USA	Towards an integrated design study for a Plasma Linear Collider / Positron plasma wakefield acceleration research at FACET-II
Mark Hogan	SLAC	USA	Plasma wakefield acceleration at FACET-II / GARD beam test facilities in the US
Richard d'Arcy	DESY	Germany	High-average power beam driven plasma acceleration
Cedric Thaury	LOA, CNRS	France	Increase of the energy gain in a laser-plasma accelerator stage
Enrica Chiadroni	LNF/INFN	Italy	High beam quality R&D at SPARC_LAB
Carl Lindstroem	DESY	Germany	Staging of plasma accelerators for high-energy, stability and beam quality
Carlo Benedetti	BNL	USA	Ion motion, hosing suppression and beam quality preservation in plasma-based accelerators
Phi Nghiem	CEA	France	EuPRAXIA solutions and plans for a plasma-based accelerator with high beam quality

#3

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Edward Snedden	STFC Daresbury	UK	High gradient acceleration at the CLARA Test Facility
Allen Caldwell	MPI for Physics Munich	Germany	Particle Physics possibilities with AWAKE-like technology
Massimo Ferrario	LNF/INFN	Italy	High quality beam-driven plasma acceleration and FEL
Moana Pittman	IJCLab, CNRS	France	High intensity laser facility for High gradient accelerator development
Robert Rossmanith		Germany	Preferred machine for testing a laser plasma accelerator at CERN: CERN eSPS
Wei Lu	Tsinghua University	China	CEPC high energy plasma injector and PWFA driven coherent light source based on SXFEL facility
Francois Lemery	DESY	Germany	SRF-based collinear beam-driven acceleration for a future TeV collider
Florian Burkart	DESY	Germany	150 MeV S-Band injector linac with high stability and ultra-short electron bunches
Guoxing Xia	University of Manchester	UK	Plasma beam dump and its implementation in future colliders
Fahim Habib	Strathclyde University	UK	Plasma photocathode HEP R&D
Viacheslav Kubytskyi	IJCLab, CNRS	France	Plasma target development for PALLAS project
Alban Sublet	CERN	CERN	AWAKE scalable plasma sources R&D at CERN
Thomas Heinemann	Strathclyde University	UK	Hybrid plasma wakefield accelerators as test-beds for HEP building blocks
Christelle Bruni	IJCLab, CNRS	France	High peak current electron beam transport and diagnostics
Jerome Faure	LOA, CNRS	France	High repetition rate laser-plasma acceleration
Maxence Thevenet	DESY	Germany	Multi-physics simulations and plasma accelerators
Arnaud Beck	LLR, CNRS	France	The importance of software engineering for PIC simulations
Ricardo Fonseca	IST Lisbon	Portugal	OSIRIS 2030: Strategy for future plasma-based acceleration modeling
Jean-Luc Vay	BNL	USA	Open-source simulation ecosystem for laptop to Exascale modeling of high-gradient accelerators
Denys Bondar	Kharkiv Institute Physics and Technology	Ukraine	Some Aspects of Laser Wakefield Acceleration of Self-injected Electron Bunch in a Metallic-Density Electron Plasma
Gianluca Sarri	Queen's University Belfast	UK	Plasma-based positron sources R&D: current status and next steps
Giuseppe Torrisi	INFN	Italy	CW collinear hollow-core scheme for Dielectric Laser Accelerators (DLAs)
Frank Mayet, Willi Kurokpa	DESY	Germany	Dielectric Structures as Diagnostics and Beam Manipulation Devices
Joel England	SLAC	USA	Structure-Based Laser-Driven Accelerators
Guillaume Martinet	IPN Orsay	France	Dielectric wave guide for short electron beam acceleration and compression at THz frequencies
Steven Patrick Jamison	Lancaster University	UK	mm-wave and THz acceleration

Research Roadmaps

Advanced Accelerator Development Strategy Report

What is needed now?

Towards a Proposal for an Advanced Linear Collider

SLAC

Powering an FEL, injection into state-of-the-art storage ring, novel end-user modalities and >10 GeV plasma accelerator systems are goals at DESY

Stable, reliable generation of high quality beams to ensure machine availability

2019

2021

2023

2025-2030

Demo-FEL (LUX) operational

- Demonstrate that LPA can power FEL
- Long term runs (week or more)

PETRA IV injection

- Injection energy, bunch length, charge...

Laser plasma accelerators

- Up to 8 GeV
- Dechirper, plasma lenses, low emittance
- 29 hr stability run (Maier et al.)

High-power laser KALDERA operational

- Multi-kV laser
- kHz operation of LPA
- Feedback control
- Long term stability runs

2nd Injection system development for PETRA IV: LPA-based

- Non-linear QED
- Plasma building block for collider

Also: medical initiatives

IJCLab

LASERIX as High intensity laser facility for high gradient accelerator development

M. Pittman, S. Kazamias, B. Lucas, O. Guitbaud, D. Ros, E. Baynard, J. Demailly, O. Neveu, K. Casasco, V. Kudyshyn, Ch. Brun, J. N. Casla, H. Guder, P. Drobniak, E. Legny, J.-L. Coasco, A. Gonin, D. Douillet, G. Iaquanello, Y. Penaud, A. Beck, F. Massimo, A. Specka

Laboratoire de Physique des 2 Infinis Irène Joliot-Curie (IJCLab)
CNRS, Université Paris-Saclay

LASERIX as a Test Facility for PALLAS/TWAC

JAI

The challenge

- Multi-GeV stages for collider applications will need
- $n_e \sim 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- $L_{\text{stage}} \sim 1 \text{ m} \Rightarrow$ drive laser pulse must be guided
- $f_{\text{rep}} > 1 \text{ kHz}$
- Operation for an indefinite period

Current solution: the capillary discharge waveguide

- Stage acceleration to ~8 GeV demonstrated
- Operated at $n_e \sim 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- $f_{\text{rep}} \sim 1 \text{ kHz}$ demonstrated
- Deeper channels possible with laser heater pulses

EuPRAXIA

EuPRAXIA Laser Driver: pump lasers

Developments based on diode pumping technology are in progress, progressively matching requirements

Schematic of DIPOLE 100Hz

Amplitude P60
Flashlamp pumped Nd:YAG
Design: 60 J @ 10 Hz, 532 nm

Conversion to diode pumping fully designed - Pre-amplifier
Expected specs: 100 Hz - 10 kW (100 J/pulse @ 1 μm)
Cost of diode still too high - currently 5x compared to flash-lamps, expected to decrease
Maintenance free operation for 25-30 yrs.

Scalable, high power, high energy, ultrafast fiber laser technology

Concept: Use high efficiency, high average power fiber lasers, and add them coherently for high pulse energy

- Combine 100's fibers spatially x 100 pulses temporally for collider energy needs
- Temporally stack 100 pulses in 1 fiber to get >10mJ, sub-kW
- Spatially combine 100's fibers to get Joules, 100's kW
- Relies on optical phase control
- Spectral combine three spectral bands to get ~30 fs for driving collider injection, might not be needed for driving collider stages

AWAKE Run 2 (2021-)

Goals:

- stable acceleration of bunch of electrons with high gradients over long distances
- 'good' electron bunch emittance at plasma exit
- Be prepared to start particle physics experiment after Run 2

Baseline design

Four phases:

- seeding the SSM with an electron bunch
- plasma cell with density step to freeze the modulation structure
- inject electrons & accelerate without emittance blowup
- implement scalable plasma cell technologies

2021-2025 Plans

Research goals:	ATF	AWA	BELLA	FACET-II	FAST
Advanced Acceleration Concepts:					
Collider stage					
Acceleration of positrons					
Studies of staging					
High brightness beams					
Practical Application of AEC					
Feedback and stable operations with high rep. rate					
Beamline Physics:					
Intensity transfer (Integrative Nonlinear Optics)					
Coupling R&D					
Physics of extreme compression					
QF QED, Single Electron and Crystal like beams					
Technology:					
Researching facility (support for industry R&D)					
CO2 laser					
MLA to characterize internal bunches, improve efficiency					
High efficiency and rep. rate laser					
Planned key upgrades:					
CO2 laser power upgrade (2019 / 8 Sep)					
Energy upgrade to 135 MeV					
Second beam Line and high-repetition rate laser (B-BELLA)					
Positrons and Advanced bunch compressor					
Positron beam quality = LCLS-G4 testing?					

DLA Roadmap (10 to 30 Year)

Dephasing-less acceleration

- Acceleration with a diffraction-free superluminal laser beam.
- Overcoming diffraction, dephasing and depletion.

Up to 50 GeV energy gain with a 1 PW, 15fs laser pulse

Dielectric lined waveguide acceleration @ CLARA test facility

Lancaster University, Manchester University, STFC

Single-shot data

e^- spectrometer images

- High charge: up to 60 pC demonstrated
- Phase-matched interaction with frequency tuned source
- Acceleration was low, but x100 field strengths (GV/m) available

Potential application in LWFA/PWFA injection

Hibbert et al
Nat. Physics 14, 755 (2018)

New field, rapid progress at a small number of labs

THz driven compression, timing stabilisation

E.C. Seely et al., arXiv 1306.0335v2 (2013)

THz driven streaking of relativistic beams

L. Zhou, et al. Phys Rev Lett, 122, 144801 (2019)

mm-wave structures

M. K. Othman et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. 117, 093502 (2020)

S.P. Jamison, High Gradient Accelerator townhall, 31st May 2021

Hybrid prototype accelerator

Accelerator

- Compact (50cm) electron source
- Bunch charge/duration trade-off

Beam diagnostic

- Bunch duration
- Dosimetry (E, Q)

THz cavity

- Coupling
- Acceleration
- Compression

THz source

- High power laser
- THz generation
- THz detection

Removable dielectric structure

bunch length diagnostic

couplers

THz optics

THz pulse

Conversion frequency

Spectrometer

Energy spread diagnostic

Laser pulse 12/fR

Laser Facility

31/05/2021 3rd Townhall meeting European Strategy Plasma & Laser Accelerators

Experimental proof of concept – self-ionised vs. pre-ionised

Self-ionised PWFA

- LWFA beam ionises plasma
- only fraction of the driver contributes to wakefield formation

Pre-ionised PWFA

- whole drive beam contributes to plasma wave
- larger wakefield amplitude
- stronger drive beam degradation
- higher witness beam energies

Plasma wave electron spectra

Electron spectra

Exp. results (~500 MeV)

Follow-up experiments with ~300 TW laser (Astra-Gemini) producing ~0.5 GeV positrons

Positron beam properties

- Charge: ~pC
- Energy: 500 MeV
- Bandwidth: ΔE/E ~ 2%
- Divergence: 0.5 mrad
- Duration: ~30 fs
- Emission: ~μm

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CLF campaign, Feb-March 2021, in preparation (2021)

Ganbar Sari

3rd Townhall Meeting High Gradient Accelerator Plasma/Laser

Open-source simulation ecosystem for laptop to Exascale modeling of high-gradient accelerators

J.-L. Vay – Accelerator Modeling Program – Berkeley Lab

Expert Panel on High-Gradient Accelerator (Plasma/Laser) Townhall – May 31, 2021

PWFA based FEL study in China

SXFEL Facility in Shanghai

Article: Free-electron lasing at 27 nanometres based on a laser wakefield accelerator

Amplitude Roadmap for high energy high repetition rate ultrafast laser

Dr Franck FALCOZ
Business Development Manager

Amplitude

Challenges & Opportunities leading up to 2030

Over the next 10 years simulation tools for plasma based accelerators will need to address additional challenges and opportunities:

- Extended acceleration distances
- Ultra-high field intensities
- Provide detailed quantitative predictions that include additional models relevant for HEP

Full scale modelling of the BUREX² experiment

Strategies being followed in the framework of the OSIRIS kinetic plasma simulation code

- Leverage the power of present and future Tier-0 HPC systems for addressing these challenges
- Improvement of core algorithms in terms of accuracy, stability, and additional physics to cope with longer accelerating distances and ion motion/hydrodynamic scales, and increased laser intensities and address HEP relevant parameters
- Improvements on parameter input and output, for both quantitative simulations with one-to-one comparison with experimental setups and use in integrated modeling toolchains

* E. All et al. Nature 541, 363-368 (2019)

Bureau-Fernex / 3rd ECRS Expert Panel on High-Gradient Accelerator (Plasma/Laser)

Conceptual design study: a plasma injector for PETRA IV (PIP4)

PIP4 can be a milestone for design studies in view of a plasma-based collider

The team:

I. Appen, S. Antipov, R. Brinkmann, A. Ferraz Pousa, S. Jais, L. Jeppu, M. Kirchen, W. P. Leemann, A. R. Maier, S. Martinez de la Ossa, J. Osterhoff, M. Thoenen

Petra IV (PI) is the upgrade of the Petra III storage ring for synchrotron radiation (2.8 km, 6 GeV), proposing orders of magnitude increase in X-ray brightness.

Specs: 6 GeV, >1 nC/s, 1% momentum acceptance, 10 mm. nrad

LPA based on the LUX design [2]

500 MeV prototype [3] 6 GeV injector

Novel energy compression concepts required [4]

→ COR in 2022 (S2E simulations), commissioning in the decade

pre-stretching with chromatic correction

chicane

X-band cavity

Can the whole injector be replaced by LPA?

DESY IV (PI)

LINAC II (500 MeV)

LPA (6 GeV)

PIPETRA IV

gun

gun diagnostics

traveling wave structures

experimental chamber

beam compressor

high energy diagnostics with 2 PolariX TDS

First experimental area injection into DLA (ACHIP)

PolariX collaboration with CERN & PSI
Successful commissioning of the PolariX structure in collaboration with FLASH / FF
Needed for:
→ Full-characterization of phase space of few fs-long electron bunches.

Required for the production of short pulses
Beam Diagnostics, Collimators, movable girder

Gun

Gun Diagnostics

Traveling Wave Structures

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Press Release ESFRI 30.6.21

The new ESFRI Projects are:

- There is a **new level of ambition** to develop globally unique, complex facilities for frontier science: Einstein Telescope – highest value project ever on the Roadmap - EUR 1.900 million, and EuPRAXIA – innovative accelerator based on plasma technology - EUR 569 million.



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ESFRI announces new RIs for Roadmap



30.06.2021
PRESS RELEASE

ESFRI announces the 11 new Research Infrastructures included in its Roadmap 2021

€4.1 billion investment in excellent science to address European challenges

After two years of hard work, following a rigorous selection procedure, ESFRI proudly announces that 11 new Research Infrastructures have been scored high for their scientific excellence and will be included in the 2021 Roadmap Update.

- **ET** - Einstein Telescope, the first and most advanced third-generation gravitational-wave observatory, with unprecedented sensitivity that will put Europe at the forefront of the Gravitational Waves research.
- **EuPRAXIA** - European Plasma Research Accelerator with Excellence in Applications, a distributed, compact and innovative accelerator facility based on plasma technology, set to construct an electron-beam-driven plasma accelerator in the metropolitan area of Rome, followed by a laser-driven plasma accelerator in European territory.

Main Challenges for Particle Physics Use Reviewed

Electron beam with collider quality

1-100 GV/m acceleration, 15000 nC/s charge delivered, sub-micron transverse emittances, 10^{-4} rel. energy spread, spin polarization.

Deliverables: on injectors, numerical simulations, repetition rate, efficiency, beam loading, emittance preservation, energy spread control, polarization, staging, ... were proposed.

Solution for positron acceleration

with parameters similar to electron bunches.

Deliverables: on numerical simulations, proof-of-principle experiments were proposed.

Conceptual design very compact collider

with physics case, self-consistent machine parameter set, realistic assessment of feasibility issues, performance, size and cost.

Goal 1

Deliverables on a coordinated international design study, including beam delivery, luminosity and interaction region design were proposed.

Intermediate steps towards a particle physics collider and synergy

with progress in photon science and lower energy applications.

Goal 2

Deliverables for intermediate implementation steps were proposed.

FEASIBILITY, PRE-CDR STUDY

Scope: 1st international, coordinated study for self-consistent analysis of novel technologies and their particle physics reach, intermediate HEP steps, collider feasibility, performance, quantitative cost-size-benefit analysis

Concept: Comparative paper study (main concepts included)

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HIGH GRADIENT PLASMA AND LASER ACCELERATORS

Accelerator R&D Roadmap Pillars

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TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATION

Scope: Demonstration of critical feasibility parameters for e^-e^- collider and 1st HEP applications

Concept: Prioritised list of R&D that can be performed at existing, planned R&D infrastructures in national, European, international landscape

Milestones: HQ e^- beam by 2026, HQ e^+ beam by 2032, 15 kHz high eff. beam and power sources by 2037 (sustainability)

Deliverable: Technical readiness level (TRL) report in 2026 for European, national decision makers

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Development of programs and computing infrastructure for high energy S2E simulations (Exascale, ...)																	
Comparative case study: high energy electron linac , high rep rate limits																	
Milestone report: Simulation 15 GeV, multi-stage electron accelerator, cost and footprint				Report			<i>Pre-CDR / feasibility study, paper work, findings listed - no prioritisation and no down-selection of topics yet</i>										
Very compact collider concepts, IR challenges and opportunities, polarization, round vs flat			Preparation: physics case	Physics case													
Comparative case study: high energy positron linac		Preparation: theory , sim															
Comparative case study: low energy electron linac																	
Conceptual design low energy HEP facility , intermediate test facility				Preparation: physics case													
Comparative study beam and laser drivers , efficiency, transformer ratios																	
Deliverable: Comparative Feasibility Report for HEP (pre-CDR)						Report	<i>Decision point</i>										
<i>Conceptual design study very compact collider, low energy HEP, intermediate facility</i>											CDR						
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R&D Area	R&D Topic (in random order)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Sources of electrons, positrons, plasmas, and high power laser pulses <i>Address particle physics' unique requirements: 15kHz repetition rate, nanometer emittance, many MJ stored energy, component efficiency at 30-50% level, high rigidity of main beam, need for compact solutions</i>	High-quality electron beams from a LWFA injector		PALLAS, ELI, DESY, EuPRAXIA, Tsinghua, CLF/RAL/EPAC, ...										
	Advanced plasma photoguns with ultra-low emittance electron beams		Strathclyde, FACET-2, ...										
	Compact generation of positron beams up to GeV		Queens University Belfast, EuPRAXIA, ...										
	High average power, high efficiency laser drivers and schemes		CNR, DESY, STFC, CLF, Oxford, CNRS, EuPRAXIA, industry, Liverpool, LLNL, LBNL, ...										
	Hybrid laser-beam driver schemes: demonstration, stability, efficiency		HZDR, LMU University, Strathclyde, CNRS, CLARA/FEBE, CLF/RAL/EPAC, ...										
	Development of plasma sources for high-repetition rate, multi-GeV stages		Oxford, DESY, LNF/INFN, AWAKE, ...										
System tests: high quality electrons <i>R&D often driven by other science fields that will benefit from first, lower energy applications. Results will of prove collider single bunch quality</i>	Dielectric accelerator module with high quality beam for first applications		Erlangen, STFC, PSI, DESY,			5 MeV, 1 pC	CLARA, ...						
	Electron-driven plasma accelerator-based Free-Electron Laser in saturation	First la- sing LNF	LNF/INFN, DESY, PWFA-FEL			TDR EuPRAXIA	/CLARA, EuPRAXIA, ...		User OP EuPRAXIA				
	Laser-driven plasma accelerator-based soft-X-ray Free-Electron Laser in saturation	First la- sing SIOM	SOLEIL/CNRS, DESY, ELI, BELLA,			TDR EuPRAXIA	EuPRAXIA, ...		User OP EuPRAXIA	Satura- tion			
	Electron beam with fixed target beam quality from p-PWFA		AWAKE							AWAKE Scalability	--> Ready for Fixed Target Experiments		
Collider components <i>Demonstrate various collider components or aspects that are of critical importance for particle physics applications</i>	Staging of electron plasma accelerators including in- and outcoupling		BELLA, DESY, EuPRAXIA, CLARA/FEBE, CLF/RAL/EPAC, AWAKE, ...										
	Polarized electrons: targetry, polarimetry, polarization conservation		FZJ, DESY, ...			Input to concepts							
	Plasma lens R&D, towards transversely tapered designs		DESY, FACET-2, BELLA, Oslo University, CLARA/FEBE, Liverpool, CLEAR, ...										
	Stable high transformer ratio PWFA with high eff. and low energy spread		FACET-2, LNF/INFN, DESY, ...										
	Positron high energy plasma acceleration module		FACET-2, ...										
	Proton-driven kJ electron acceleration module		AWAKE			e-seeding, high grad.			10GeV in 10m, low emit.				
Possible HEP test facility	Possible construction HEP test facility advanced accelerators (start OP in 2035), if in pre-CDR 2026												

1.1 Findings: Milestones and Deliverables 2021 - 2024

- 2021: High quality beams: electron-driven plasma acceleration of FEL-SASE and seeded exponential growth at 8: – High-quality beams: Laser-driven plasma accelerator Demonstration of FEL-SASE at SIOM [2]
- 2022: Numerical and Theoretical Tools → Setup of simulation stages) with certain approximations
- 2023: High-quality beams: Laser-driven plasma accelerator-b sion laser-driven plasma FEL site EuPRAXIA – Positron technical demonstrations → Demonstration tance, 2% energy spread) positron beam from a plasma MeV level.
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- Hybrid laser-beam driver schemes: demonstration, sta schemes → Realization of tuneable PWFA internal plasma photoguns
- Dielectric accelerator module with high quality beam f MeV beam
- 2024: Dielectric accelerator module with high quality beam fi tion code capable of simulating a billion accelerating c – Hybrid laser-beam driver schemes: demonstration, sta schemes → Demonstration of emittance and brightne compared to the initial LWFA output
- High-quality LWFA injector → Models for nC-level, l validated by simulations
- Advanced plasma photoguns with ultra-low emittance normalized emittance
- High quality beams: electron-driven plasma acceleration of FEL saturation at short wavelength (<830 nm)
- Polarized electrons → Demonstration of polarized ele zation fraction
- Plasma lens R&D → Demonstration of focusing effe GeV energy range
- 2024: **DELIVERABLE** → Report electron high energy cas tron accelerator, cost and footprint) and physics case

1.2 Findings: Milestones and Deliverables 2025 - 2026

- 2025: Plasma lens R&D → Development and demonstrati with plasma lenses
- High quality beams: electron-driven plasma accelerati Technical Design Report ready
- High-quality LWFA injector → Experiments, optimi repetition rate at existing facilities
- Dielectric accelerator module with high quality beam l for applications outside HEP and design and simulate
- 2026: Plasma lens R&D → Integration of plasma lenses in – Advanced plasma photoguns with ultra-low emittance emittance beams with collider-level energy spread and – Numerical and Theoretical Tools → Study of spin p strategies for a plasma-based collider
- High average power, high efficiency laser drivers and laser for driving a high repetition rate test beamline fa
- Positron technical demonstrations → Demonstrati plasma wake-field at the 1 GeV level
- Development of plasma sources for high-repetition rti sential physics questions, e.g. wakefield process effici
- Dielectric accelerator module with high quality beam late a linear collider at the energy frontier
- High-quality beams: Laser-driven plasma accelerator- PRAXIA Technical Design Report ready
- Proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration: demons trol, scalability → Until 2026 AWAKE plans to dete process with an electron bunch and optimize the proces density step to accelerate electrons to multi-GeV ener
- High transformer ratio PWFA for high efficiency and tion over many betatron periods in a plasma module w drive energy), high total efficiency (30% driver to witr the 1 μ m level), and narrow energy spread (0.1%)
- 2026: **DELIVERABLE** → Pre-CDR and Collider Feasibil by report on Technical Readiness Levels (TRL report) to next Update of European Strategy for Particle Pl

1.3 Findings: Milestones and Deliverables 2027 - 2030

- 2027: Hybrid laser-beam driver schemes: demonstration, sta schemes → Demonstration of advanced sources such
- Advanced plasma photoguns with ultra-low emittance high-charge (100's of pC to nC, moderate to extreme normalized emittance
- High-quality LWFA injector → Experimental demon $f_{rep} \leq 100$ Hz
- Staging of electron plasma accelerators including in- at staging at 5 GeV. Extend the design to its use at 50 GeV plasma lenses
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- 2028: Advanced plasma photoguns with ultra-low emittance low emittance electron beams from plasma photocatho
- Dielectric accelerator module with high quality beam and feedbacks for DLA: measurement of orbit and pro
- Numerical and Theoretical Tools → Demonstration stable and efficient numerical models
- 2029: High quality beams: electron-driven plasma accelera beam-driven EuPRAXIA facility at Frascati in operati
- 2030: High average power, high efficiency laser drivers and wavelength (few kW) [3]: pulse energy 50-100J, repeti energy stability (RMS) 0.6-1%, pointing stability (RM
- Dielectric accelerator module with high quality beam fi laser sources, alignment of structures and develop a co
- High-quality beams: Laser-driven plasma accelerator demonstration fully saturated FEL at LUX, EuPRAXIA
- Proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration: demons trol, scalability → In the next 10 years AWAKE al electron witness bunch to 10 GeV in 10 m with contro the 10 mm-mrad level and percent energy spread, to long, and to demonstrate acceleration in a scalable pla 100 GeV energies
- Plasma lens R&D → Demonstration of a transversely rection
- High transformer ratio PWFA for high efficiency and l transformer ratio while mitigating beam-plasma instab
- Numerical and Theoretical Tools → Start-to-end sim

1.4 Findings: Milestones and Deliverables 2030 - 2037

- 2030+: Proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration: demonstrol, scalability → Starting in 2030, by the successful ready for first high-energy physics applications [5-7], tion technology could be used in fixed target experime future electron-proton or electron-ion colliders at very acceptable
- 2031: Polarized electrons → Increase of the polarization fra
- 2032: High-quality LWFA injector → Experimental demon $f_{rep} > 1$ kHz
- High average power, high efficiency laser drivers and ducing multi-GeV beam energies at kHz rates
- 2034: Staging of electron plasma accelerators including in- i and test complete transfer lines at 50 GeV and 180 GeV
- 2035: High average power, high efficiency laser drivers and efficient laser for HEP collider stages
- Development of plasma sources for high-repetition rate, technology as close as possible towards that working i for iterative plasma-source development will be requir repetition-rate plasma accelerator research. Each iterat with sustained operation at a repetition rate conductive w e.g. 10 kHz.
- Development of plasma sources for high-repetition rate, per stage are pushed into the relevant multi-10 to 11 consistent with the outcome of the proposed conceptual
- 2037: High-quality LWFA injector → Experimental demon $f_{rep} > 10$ kHz

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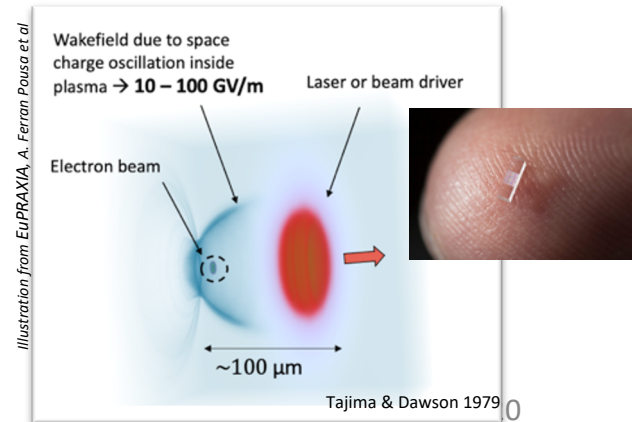
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- Use of this technology for **High Energy Physics**:
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→ **not at all easy but no fundamental showstopper.**
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